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WHO DID IT? If you want to know, come to the opening social of the South London Mutual Improvement Association. For weeks in advance the officers of the M.I.A. have been drawing up plans and rehearsing their cast to make the evening of September 14th a galloping take-off for a grand programme of winter activities. Here you see director Wally Chiles and cast of four—Barbara Lawrence, Dora Smith, Loreen Anson, and Marie Hill—rehearsing with books one of the dramatic scenes from “Anti-Clockwise.”

A summer of glorious outdoor activities for the M.I.A. is drawing to a close for many branches throughout the British Mission. Eyes are turned indoors again as the days shorten and cooler weather comes creeping round the corner. The opening social for the winter programme in each of these branches will mark the way to a season of good times, development of personality, and spiritual growth for all through the varied lessons and cultural arts courses.

Inspired planning and effort of Church M.I.A. authorities has been put into the plans for the coming M.I.A. season. To put it into action requires the same kind of prayerful energy, initiative, and persistence. It means work for those concerned—but it also means rewards immeasurable in seeing happiness brought into the lives of others in opening new vistas of enjoyment to them, in watching youthful personalities blossom out in such creative activities as that depicted on the cover—and in bringing salvation to the souls of men.

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WAS THE MINISTRY OF JESUS LIMITED TO PALESTINE ?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written especially for the readers of the "Millennial Star" by Wesley Ziegler, author of a recent Book of Mormon commentary entitled, "An Analysis of the Book of Mormon."

By Wesley Ziegler

witness to the divinity of Jesus Christ. (Ezk. 37: 15-17)

IF a group of eminent German scientists prepared a massive volume purporting to contain all known facts of science, the average man would doubt it, however excellent the quality of their work. If they attempted to prohibit further discoveries, they would be considered handicaps to intellectual progress, notwithstanding their personal brilliance. The most competent historians have never recorded in a single volume all past events or even those related to a given period. The last piece of immortal music has not been composed.

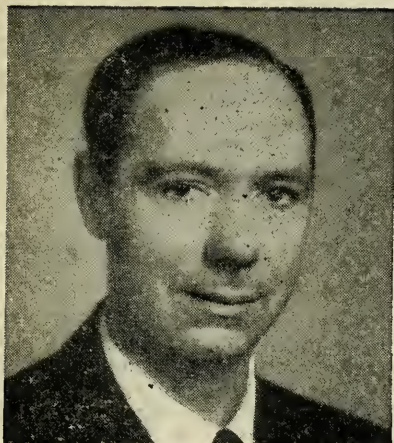
Yet, strange as it may seem, for centuries millions upon millions of devout men, among them great divines, have maintained that all information about God may be found in one wonderful book, seeking to suppress all other pretended revelations. So firmly fixed is this idea in the average Christian mind that they assume Latter-day Saints, for example, who accept the Book of Mormon, must either reject the Holy Bible or lack proper respect for it. A typical non-Mormon cannot imagine any people thinking of two books as being holy, despite the fact that both the Old and New Testaments indicate clearly that there must be at least one other sacred bible.

Jesus declared, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (John 10: 16)

According to Ezekiel, the other sheep were evidently Ephraimites, for they were to produce a testament equal to that of the Jews, which would not be true if their record did not bear equal

Ephraim and Manasseh were of high Egyptian birth. Their father, Joseph, was Pharaoh's appointed governor, while their mother was a daughter of the Priest of On. Joseph was one of twelve sons of Jacob, also known as Israel, who was a grandson of the famous Abraham. When Joseph was a child several of his brothers attempted to kill him, but Judah, another brother, ancestor of all Jews, sold him for twenty pieces of silver to a caravan of slave-traders bound for Egypt. Years later Israel and his sons moved their families to Egypt, where they enjoyed great privileges under the rule of Joseph. But over the course of centuries circumstances changed. Moses was obliged to lead all Israel, including the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, to Canaan, where Ephraimites became the strongest central and northern power, while Jews settled the south. However, no genuine Ephraimites lived within sound of the Saviour's voice at Palestine, for the great majority of them were exiled among Gentile nations by Assyrians before 700 B.C. and the remainder scattered by Babylonians during the years following 597 B.C.

Hence, the Holy Bible contains no account of the ministry of Jesus among Ephraimites. Indeed, there was no interval prior to His death when the Saviour could have visited another fold. He had not yet spoken to the other sheep when He made His promise, so the event could not have occurred before He began His ministry among the Jews. It is true that part of the lost nation of Ephraim became one of the strains forming the Samaritan race. But the Samaritans prepared no holy book equal to the Christian Bible. In fact, their creed, like



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their blood, was strongly influenced by heathens. On the glorious day when Judah was permitted to rebuild Jerusalem the Samaritans tried to prevent it, for which they were despised by all Jews until the time of Christ.

The Book of Mormon presumably was translated by an American named Joseph Smith from plates found in western New York State, relating the history of several ancient nations of various origins. It appears from this discovery that the divine hero of American Indian folk-lore was really Jesus of Nazareth, who evidently came to save His brothers in the unknown world, as well as the Romans, the Greeks, and the Jews. It seems reasonable to Latter-day Saints that He could have visited Americans following His resurrection, just as He was seen by Mary at the tomb, the eleven apostles, Saul of Tarsus, and others. Indeed, He is quoted in the Book of Mormon as literally as He is quoted in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

But is this book the testament of Ephraim? Lehi, ancestor of Mormon, is reported as a descendant of Manasseh, who also was a patriarch with blessings promised his heirs. Israel told him he would become a great people, but continued, "Truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multi-

tude of nations." (Gen. 48: 17-20) The Nephites and Lamanites discussed in the Book of Mormon became multitudes of nations, but if they were strictly descendants of Manasseh there should have been a greater multitude of nations, whose testimony of Jesus has not yet been found. But it is much more likely that part of Lehi's colony were Ephraimites, although students of the Book of Mormon seldom find the link.

The secret lies in the fact that Lehi invited another man, named Ishmael, to accompany him from Palestine. This man died before the colony crossed the "many waters" and, therefore, soon drops out of the story. But the sons of Lehi married daughters of Ishmael, so Lehi's grandchildren were also grandchildren of Ishmael. Whether Ishmael's sons married daughters of Lehi is not stated, but they did have heirs. Zoram, an unrelated man, joined the party and crossed the seas, but he, too, married a daughter of Ishmael, which made Ishmael the common ancestor of all Nephites and Lamanites. Nephites were descendants of Lehi's younger sons and Zoram, while Lamanites were descendants of the older sons and the sons of Ishmael.

The Mormon narrative is consistent also with the prediction made by Israel that the progeny of Ephraim would be more numerous than descendants of Manasseh. Of course, non-Mormons are satisfied with the information that during the Mosaic dispensation the tribe of Ephraim outnumbered Manasseh. But if hosts of ancient Americans were also the tribe of Manasseh, then it was Manasseh rather than Ephraim who became eventually the great multitude of nations. If the Book of Mormon is true, Ephraim must somehow remain in the majority, or Israel was wrong. While Nephites were partly Ephraimitic, many Lamanites could have been of pure descent, because Ishmael's sons were married prior to the exodus. Throughout the generations Lamanites at all times outnumbered Nephites. According to Mormon, about the time when subjects

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WHO SHOULD BLUSH NOW?

IN the June 28th, 1948, issue of "Time" we find an excerpt of an article which originally appeared in the fortnightly "La Civiltà Cattolica" published by the Jesuits in Rome. Its views on tolerance suggest interesting comparisons with our own views on this important question. For comparison, we publish below in the left column the Catholic view and in the right column our own views. We leave the reader to draw his own conclusions.

EDITORS' NOTE: This article has been compiled for publication by President Jean Wunderlich of the West German Mission.

THE CATHOLIC VIEW

"The Roman Catholic Church, convinced, through its divine prerogatives, of being the only true church, must demand the right to freedom for herself alone, because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error. As to other religions, the church will certainly never draw the sword, but she will require that by legitimate means they shall not be allowed to propagate false doctrine. Consequently, in a state where the majority of the people are Catholic, the church will require that legal existence be denied to error, and that if religious minorities actually exist, they shall have only a *de facto* existence without opportunity to spread their beliefs. If, however, actual circumstances . . . make the complete application of this principle impossible, then the church will require for herself all possible concessions . . .

"In some countries, Catholics will be obliged to ask full religious freedom for all, resigned at being forced to cohabit where they alone should rightfully be allowed to live. But in doing this the church does not renounce her thesis . . . but merely adapts herself . . . Hence arises the great scandal among Protestants . . . We ask Protestants to understand that the Catholic church would betray her trust if she were to proclaim . . . that error can have the same rights as truth . . . The church cannot blush for her own want of tolerance, as she asserts it in principle and applies it in practice."

THE VIEW OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS

"We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege; let them worship how, where, or what they may."

"I want the liberty of thinking and believing as I please. It feels so good not to be trammelled. It does not prove that a man is not a good man because he errs in doctrine."—Joseph Smith.

"Be willing to receive the truth, let it come from whom it may; no difference, not a particle. Just as soon receive the Gospel from Joseph Smith as from Peter, who lived in the days of Jesus. Receive it from one man as soon as another. If God has called an individual and sent him to preach the Gospel that is enough for me to know; it is no matter who it is, all I want is to know the truth."

"It is our duty and calling, as ministers of the same salvation and Gospel, to gather every item of truth and reject every error. Whether a truth be found with professed infidels, or with the Universalists, or the Church of Rome, or the Methodists, . . . the Baptists, the Quakers, the Shakers, or any other of the various and numerous different sects and parties, all of whom have more or less truth, it is the business of the Elders of this Church (Jesus, their Elder Brother, being at their head) to gather up all the truths in the world pertaining to life and salvation, to the Gospel we preach, to the sciences, and to philosophy, wherever it may be found . . . and bring it to Zion."—Brigham Young.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

THE family is the unit of civilised society. It is the heart of civilisation. It is the oldest institution in the world. Upon its foundations rests the welfare of humanity. No nation or community can rise above the standards established in the homes of its people. Anything that fosters family spirit and pride is an element of strength to sustain society. Conversely, anything that tends to break down or weaken the family life is a blow to personal virtue and national well-being, and opens the flood-gates of evil on the world.

The preservation of the family is a paramount responsibility of parents. The strongest incentives for well doing, honesty, sobriety, and good conduct come from a deep sense of family obligation. The love of parents for their children and the love of children for their parents are powerful factors which safeguard the integrity and sanctity of the home. The home is the product of family life. It is the shrine around which the holiest and sublimest memories cluster.

The tendency of modern thought is to obscure the family purpose of marriage. Family life has deteriorated, childless marriages are common, motherhood is unpopular and marital antagonisms are increasing. The sanctity of the marriage covenant is discounted and ignored. In many cases the religious background has entirely disappeared and marriage vows are made thoughtlessly and irreverently. The results are manifested in broken homes, disrupted families, undisciplined children and disappointed parents. It is one of the many evidences of a crumbling civilisation.

Marriage, home making, rearing of children, and the family institution were ordained of God. They furnish the noblest and highest motivations for right living and useful endeavour. The household is the seed-plot of virtue and integrity. At its threshold is

By Alma Sonne



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Twelve

laid the foundation for all progress and advancement socially, spiritually, and economically.

The family prayer, the home evening, the reading of the scriptures in the home, and the family reunion—all fostered and encouraged by the Church—are designed to strengthen family relationships and to stimulate parents in their responsibilities. Family coherence is the aim of the Church of Jesus Christ. Home and family environment is considered essential to the fullest joy and happiness in this life and in the life to come.

Marriages solemnised in the temples of the Latter-day Saints are eternal unions. They are for time and eternity. It is a new doctrine to the modern religious world. But it was understood anciently by Jesus and His Apostles. "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven," said Jesus, "and whatsoever ye loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matt. 18: 18) Paul's understanding of such a union

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Emily M. Carlisle

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of four articles on "Characteristics of Good Teaching in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" written especially for the readers of the "Millennial Star" by Mrs. Emily M. Carlisle. Mrs. Carlisle is a teacher by profession as well as a teacher in the Church and for several years has guided the teacher training class of the Holladay Ward.

WHEN we accept a call to teach in any capacity in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we accept a divine responsibility. If we study the Master as our model, follow His teachings, and teach as He taught, our efforts should bring about worthy overt action from our learners. Such action should lead in the path to eternal life in the celestial Kingdom of God.

Let us consider first the purpose of our teaching. As teachers we must revere each individual and plan to reach and teach him according to his present abilities and interests. Then with help from our Heavenly Father we can do our utmost to lead him to have a desire for the truth, the seeking of it; and a desire for good and the doing of good.

TEACHING— A Divine Calling

By Emily M. Carlisle

In a teacher training class in the Holladay Ward, Big Cottonwood Stake, Utah, the students discussed "My Purpose in Becoming a Teacher in the Church," Rozella Smith, who is now preparing to be a missionary, wrote for her teacher training notebook and for the class the following: "I want to become a teacher because it gives me an opportunity for service in the church; it gives me an opportunity to serve my fellowmen. If I am called in the Sunday School or Primary organization, I shall have a chance to be close to children. I shall learn to appreciate the enthusiasm, the originality, and the loveliness of children. In training for a teacher I have learned that every child is different from every other, and in each is found qualities deserving respect and admiration.

"I shall grow in knowledge of the Gospel. In my preparation of a lesson, I learn far more than I can teach.

"In addition the realization that we teach not only by words but by example leads me to strive to live a better life, to be a little more perfect. Who can do wrong knowing that the eyes of an idealising child may be upon him?

"As I desire to find joy through service and growth in the Church, I want to become a teacher."

Another student, Diana Hollingworth, who has just returned from a mission to the Southern States, wrote: "I want to become a teacher because I know that Jesus Christ lives and that He is our Redeemer. His plan for redemption revealed in these latter days will bring eternal life to those who are obedient. I want to help others have that same knowledge and testimony."

In the discussion, Ross Hutchinson said, "I don't know as much as I should about the Bible. There is so much to learn. If I teach, I'll have to study the Bible, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price and the Book of Mormon. Then I shall be able to teach others to hunger and thirst after knowledge, for 'we cannot be saved in ignorance,' and 'the glory of God is intelligence'."

One student whose hobby is the study of modern languages said, "The Lord has been good to me. When I pray in the name of Jesus Christ—my Mediator—the Lord hears and answers my prayers. If I teach others to be humble and pray always, the Lord will lead them by the hand as He does me and will answer their prayers."

Stanley Andrus left for a mission to the New England states before he had finished the course. Stanley contributed to the discussion, "The Heavens have been opened in this dispensation. The Father and His Son appeared to Joseph Smith. I want to teach the Gospel as revealed in these latter days. There are many who do not know the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel—faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. I want to go into the world and teach these principles to the honest in heart so that I and they will be prepared for the coming of the Lord."

Nellie Huffman, a mother, contributed by saying, "I rejoice that I have freedom of choice, that I have the privilege of knowing good from evil. It is up to me to choose the right and to follow the teaching of Christ. I want to be prepared to teach the Gospel to my children."

While taking the class, Manford Woodruff, president of the Elders Quorum, said, "I want to be a teacher because 'The duty of an Elder is to teach, expound, exhort, baptize, and watch over the Church.' It is my duty

to conduct meetings as they are led by the Holy Ghost according to the commandments and revelations of God."

"To be prepared to do this, I take Sunday afternoon to study my lessons for the following week. While I am working or relaxing, I plan and study so as to be prepared to teach as is required of an Elder."

When Beth Ashton Cutler gave her contribution she said, "Students only learn as they have experience; all learning emerges out of experience. One purpose of a teacher is to furnish activities that give the student an opportunity for thinking, for studying, and for discussion."

"Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you."
D. & C. 88: 78

Summing up the discussion, the members of the teacher training class decided that a teacher with reverence for each individual, himself included, and with humility should teach the truths of the Gospel in such a way as to bring worthy action from his learners. As the teacher teaches with diligence, study, and help from our Heavenly Father, so the students will learn and approach the glory of God which is intelligence. When the teacher asks the Lord for help in the name of Christ, the Mediator, our Father will lead the teacher by the hand so that he can lead others in the path of righteousness.

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The great need of the Church is competent, inspired, and inspiring teachers. Through this series of articles by Mrs. Carlisle, the *Millennial Star* does not hope to present a complete analysis of the field of Gospel teaching. The subject is too broad. But we do hope to present some teaching helps and a fuller concept of the beauties and responsibilities of teaching. Mrs. Carlisle has written the articles in a manner to interest all readers of the *Millennial Star* and to be of special value to present and prospective teachers.

A VICAR MEETS THE MORMONS

By Leland W. Rawson
Liverpool District President

IT is not often that Mormon missionaries are invited into the home of a Vicar of the Church of England for the purpose of explaining "Mormonism" to a group of young people of his parish. This interesting and unique experience came as the result of a graveside conversation between a young man of the Liverpool Branch and the Vicar conducting the service.

On the evening of Sunday, May 30th, 1948, we knocked at the Vicar's door. We were graciously received by his wife, who explained that her husband and the young people had been detained at the church. A few minutes later they arrived—fifteen young men and women in their late teens and early twenties. The introductions over, we were made to feel at home and at ease. The discussion began by our making clear the place of the Church of Jesus Christ among the religions of the world. The story of the first vision and a brief history of the Restoration was given. From this point on numerous questions of an intelligent nature were asked, principally by the young people who appeared eager for factual information. Rapidly the evening passed by. Time came for the serving of cakes and tea. Politely we explained that tea-drinking was taboo in the Church. This startling declaration introduced a new series of animated statements and questions, which there was not time to properly pursue. As we arose to go, we were earnestly importuned by the young people to return, and upon their insistence, the Vicar made another appointment.

Sunday evening, June 13th, we returned. After disposing with the "Word of Wisdom" to their apparent satisfaction, the discussion centered around pre-existence and the Godhead, questions which had arisen in the minds of some through reading literature that had been distributed on the

previous visit. The discussion was spirited, but nevertheless friendly. The hour for our departure arrived all too soon. Again the young people insisted on a third meeting. We suggested that they join with us in a Fireside at 301 Edge Lane and they readily agreed to do so. Sunday, July 4th, the visit was made, with the Vicar attending and six of his young people. Eighteen members of the Liverpool Fireside group were in attendance, including two young Roman Catholic girls, friendly to the Church.

The Vicar had brought with him a book, entitled, "The Mormons, or Latter-day Saints — Whence Came They?" written in 1910 by Rev. Daniel H. C. Bartlett, with an introduction by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. Needless to say it is a scurrilous attack on the Mormons, full of false statements of apostates and bitter enemies of the Church of a past generation. One statement was read by the reverend gentleman declaring the Spalding manuscripts to be the true source of the Book of Mormon. The answers that came from the missionaries present were so complete and full of authenticated facts that the Vicar said, "Well, I can see that my confidence in the material presented here cannot be sustained. The trouble is this book was written too many years ago."

In the discussion that followed the Vicar expressed a desire to have one of our number who had left the Church of England give reasons for making the change. The young girl called upon to answer stated simply: "I found that the Church of England was a man-made church." She then gave a brief history of the rise of the Anglican

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MESSAGE from the MISSION PRESIDENCY



SEPTEMBER . . . and the tang of Autumn in the air. We look back on a wonderful summer season of activity in the branches and districts of the mission.

As we note the splendid interest and labours among most of our leaders in the Auxiliary organisations, we feel to appreciate that the Saints are responding to the outstanding leadership afforded us through the General Boards.

Recently one of our proud young Primary boys appeared on the street arrayed in a full-fledged Indian Chief head-dress which is part of the Summer Programme, being a study of the life and habits of the Redman. Immediately he was the centre of an intensely interested and curious group of youngsters. His explanation was the spark for a greatly increased attendance the following week. The credible achievements of our basketball and baseball playing groups have written another tell-tale page for the British public to see and appreciate. But most commendable of all is the full scale outdoor summer activity carried on throughout the mission in which everyone regardless of age or Church membership has felt free to take part and really enjoy the full fellowship of good, clean fun. The "Mormons" are known far and wide in scores of parks and

commons for the systematic organisation and interesting variety of things to do. Many a soul, hungry for fellowship, has found great joy in these things and a satisfying outlet to unconscious, wholesome desires in the "sing-song" entered into by all at the end of the evening's fun.

But now we must turn our eyes to the future. September marks the opening of our great Autumn, Winter, and Spring Programmes in each of these organisations. Let us see that we are fully and completely manned with leaders and teachers in all departments. Let us be sure that we are prepared with the lesson material, the enthusiasm and zeal to inspire others to full participation.

A good and determined start is a tremendous advantage. Let everyone lay plans for a season of enjoyment, of improvement to our minds, of benefit to our lives, of joy and contentment in our homes by a full activity and participation in those inspired courses.

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FINLAND, NORWAY AND DENMARK

By Wallace G. Bennett

MUCH progress has been made by the Church in the year-old Finnish Mission, and throughout Scandinavia. Missionaries are enthusiastic in their work and are being permitted to see some of the fruits of their labours. These are among the observations noted by President and Sister Alma Sonne of the European Mission and the writer as we completed in July and August the tour of the European Missions.

In Finland President Sonne dedicated a chapel and held conference sessions in Larsmo; witnessed the completion of the registration of the Church with government authorities; and held several public meetings throughout the country. All events point to a bright future for the Church among the sturdy Finns.

To see the progress made in Finland since the visit there a year ago was most heartening. President Henry A. Matis of the Finnish Mission, formerly of the Chicago Stake presidency, has earned the love and respect of missionaries and members. President and Sister Eben R. T. Blomquist of the Swedish Mission were in the party which toured Finland, along with Elder Archibald F. Bennett, secretary of the Genealogical Society of the Church, and Sister Mae Matis.

The dedication of the Larsmo chapel marks the realisation of the dream of faithful Larsmo Saints, most of whom were converted many years ago by missionaries from Sweden making temporary visits to Finland. Larsmo is in the Swedish speaking sector of northern Finland. When on a former mission in 1912, Elder A. Theodore Johnson of Vernal, Utah, preached the Gospel in Larsmo. He and his wife did most of the work on the chapel, purchased in the autumn of 1947. Elder and Sister Johnson were forced to return home shortly before the dedica-

tion, but their contributions to the branch and chapel will long be remembered.

Before the dedication service July 16th, an all day missionary meeting was conducted at the spot near Larsmo where President Ezra Taft Benson re-dedicated Finland for the preaching of the Gospel in July, 1946. The testimonies of three recently baptised Finnish members, added to those of the missionaries, made the meeting an inspiring one in the peaceful, outdoor surroundings. Most of the missionaries were originally called to the Swedish Mission. Several of them have learned both the Swedish and Finnish languages.

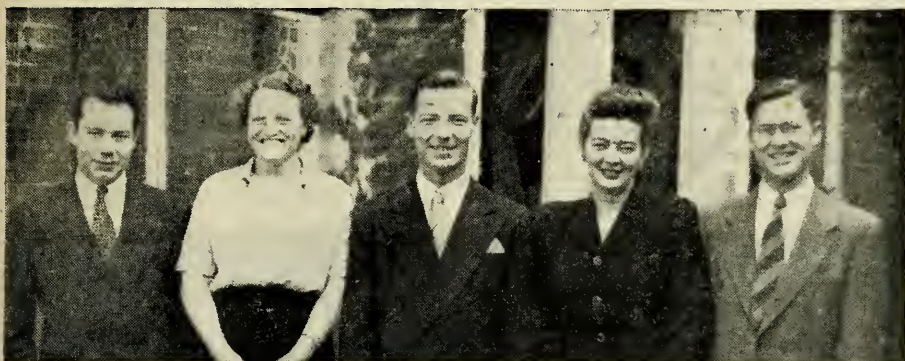
The majority of the 157 people who crowded into the attractive little chapel were friends and investigators. Before offering the dedicatory prayer, President Sonne declared, "We hope you will remember the messages you have heard tonight. When God speaks it is the truth. We declare in words of soberness that He has spoken; that He has established His work upon the earth; and that the holy priesthood has been restored." He stated that he had previously dedicated nine buildings in Europe and that it is difficult to take care of all who desire to attend our meetings in the various European missions.

Other public meetings in Finland were held in Tampere, Helsinki, and Turku. The Helsinki Branch, just getting started a year ago, now has over sixty members. Living conditions, too, have improved considerably since July, 1947.

Church literature is being translated into Finnish. Work on the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants,

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LONDON OFFICE STAFF CHANGEVER



Left to Right: Vennor J. Meacham, Leah Lloyd, Harold M. Dougal, June Carlisle, Robert E. Riggs.

LOOK carefully at each of the five faces pictured above—and then when you're all set to write a biting reproval to one of them for some blunder he's made, remember he (or she) is human too.

During the past four months the personnel of the London Office has undergone a complete change. Where formerly Elder Melvin Owens' smiling face greeted the newcomer from behind the Mission Secretary's desk, Elder Vennor J. Meacham now presides. He's the man to whom all those financial reports and a thousand and one other items go.

Your new Mission Recorder is Sister Leah Lloyd, replacing Sister Edith Mullinger. Sister Lloyd did a fine work in the Norwich and Nottingham Districts before coming to London. Now she has at her fingertips the big steel-backed volumes containing records of every Latter-day Saint in Britain.

Move over into the Book Store next and meet Elder Harold M. Dougal, fresh from Newcastle, who has taken over the job left by Sister Marion Allen. A man has always been needed in the Book Store to cart those heavy bundles of tracts around, so Elder Dougal's the

man for the job. If he sends you a bill for something you've already paid, don't mind—just send it back with a polite note—and he'll be glad to set you right.

Upstairs in the Millennial Star office is the most recent addition to the staff—Sister June Carlisle, President Boyer's new secretary. Sister Agnes Beecher, who left for home August 8th, filled that position capably for fifteen months. You can look to Sister Carlisle for continued efficient service. She is in London after serving three months in the Birmingham District. Sister Beth Swainston, new arrival to Britain, handled the work in this department during the interim between Sister Beecher and Sister Carlisle.

Finally comes Elder Robert E. Riggs, new Associate-Editor of the *Star*, who is trying hard to carry on the good work where Elder William R. Callister left off. Elder Riggs served in the London District for eleven months before receiving this appointment.

That's your new Mission Office Staff. With this introduction they're happy to be serving you and hope the feeling's mutual.

Baseball in Britain

THROUGHOUT Britain interest in baseball is growing steadily after a war-time set back, and among the most ardent supporters of the game are the Latter-day Saint missionaries. From several of the districts come glowing reports of baseball, its rising popularity, and its contribution to Gospel promulgation.

Liverpool District has been one of

ern League was based on the London area. The game was in full swing and very popular, drawing fairly large crowds every week during the summer months. Along came the war, and like all organised sports, baseball suffered a setback, being completely eclipsed until 1944.

"In each of the pre-war Major Leagues was a team composed solely



Liverpool's "Caledonian Saints"

the foremost in emphasizing the game. Richard Coward, Honorary Secretary of the Caledonian Baseball Club in Liverpool, has reported to the *Star* his observations on the return of baseball to popularity. Quoting from his article:

"It is a pleasure to record that baseball is again fast approaching its pre-war popularity here in England.

"Organised baseball was launched here in 1934, and by 1939 had achieved two Major Leagues, a Northern and a Southern, as well as a host of minor leagues based on the large towns. The North of England Major League comprised teams from the large towns of Lancashire and Yorkshire; the South-

of missionaries of the Mormon Church, domiciled in England. In the north, the Rochdale Greys, and in the south, the Catford Saints. Personnel of both these teams made a lasting impression on all those with whom they came in contact. An unflinching courtliness off the field and a spectacular grace and ability on the field coupled with an exemplary sportsmanship stamped them as excellent ambassadors of their nation and their faith. The writer, unfortunately, had first-hand experience only of the Rochdale team, and recalls, with nostalgia, memories of games in which he competed against them. The Bi-Centenary in Rochdale was an outstanding event, when, before President Grant and various dignitaries of the Mormon Church here

MISSIONARY TEAMS SPOTLIGHTED IN LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER, NOTTINGHAM BIRMINGHAM ORGANISES YOUTH CLUB BASEBALL

for the celebrations, the Rochdale team defeated the Liverpool Caledonians by 19 runs to 7. These Rochdale teams made baseball history in England, obtaining league honours and winning the All-England Challenge Cup.

"Locally, on Merseyside too, the small band of missionaries domiciled at Edge Lane, Liverpool, made their mark in popularising themselves and baseball. Every one who came in contact with these men, in particular their associates in the Caledonians, had a high regard for them and retain pleasant memories of happy hours spent in their company. The missionaries have returned to Liverpool and have received permission to associate again with Caledonians. We all look forward to a long and mutually beneficial association."

Missionaries of the Liverpool District are now playing on one of the Caledonian Club's two teams, called "Caledonian Saints" in honour of past

missionary contributions to the game in Liverpool. They report many friends made and a fair amount of good publicity gained as a result of playing.

In Birmingham the most fruitful fields for baseball have been with the branches of the Church and with local youth groups. Elders Melvin White and Lester Whittaker are at present coaching a baseball team for the Nuneaton Co-op Youth Club and have arranged for games with other youth groups. Excellent newspaper publicity has been given to the work of Elder LaMar Empey and Elder Ronald Salo in promoting baseball activities in Northampton. M.I.A. baseball has consistently drawn crowds of on-lookers and participants. Over two hundred people were counted at the close of one M.I.A. ball-playing session in Birmingham.

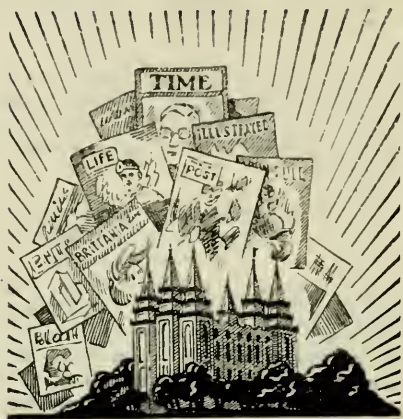
Norman Woodhead of the Rochdale Branch has been one of the guiding lights in organising league play in the Manchester District and promoting M.I.A. participation in the league. Two M.I.A. sponsored teams are entered in the Manchester and District Baseball League, the "Rochdale Greys" and the "Oldham Saints." These teams are composed of local members, friends, and travelling missionaries. Among the players on the "Greys" squad are two American ex-servicemen living

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"Rochdale Greys"

THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS IN BRITAIN



THE following are excerpts from recent publications in Great Britain and in Finland pertinent to the Church:

The City Press

MORMONS ARRIVE IN FINLAND!

The Russians are complaining about the arrival of "suspicious missionaries" in Finland.

Several hundred members of the American Mormons have arrived in Finland and founded dozens of their communities, and the Russians say that "since Finland can hardly be considered a country where missionaries are usually sent, it would appear that under cover of these religious endeavours quite different aims are concealed."

Editor's Note: Since the opening of the Finnish Mission twenty-five missionaries have arrived from the United States. At present there are five organised branches of the Church in Finland. We quote portions from a letter appearing in the "Reader's Column" of a Finnish newspaper.

Helsinki Sonomat (Finland)

Since Social Minister Janhunen has stated that there have now arrived in our country hundreds of Mormon mis-

sionaries from America which he believes to be practising political activity, the undersigned, one who understands the Mormon missionary work, wishes to express his thoughts, which are contrary on the matter.

Finland has need to be thankful to the Mormons for many different reasons. Their good deeds in helping the poor with food and with clothing have been especially far reaching. Dollars keep the missionaries here since they receive support from their own funds or from their relatives. Particularly thankful should the Finns be for the time that the missionaries have sacrificed in teaching the English language to them.

The Mormon Church does missionary work in all the world, so Finland is no exception.

Mormons have an intense interest in spreading their beliefs which is shown from the fact that missionaries must pay their own travel expenses to their mission fields and remain there for the Church without any pay. In practise this is arranged so that their kin sustains them in their missionary fields.

Mormon beliefs are for this worldly existence, and wherever they go they endeavour to make the world a better place for people to live while other churches and religious sects talk only of the existence after the grave.

(Signed) "A Finn who has investigated Mormonism."

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Yorkshire Advertiser

"ONE WIFE ENOUGH" SAYS MORMON.

"You feel that one wife is enough? Well, so do we in Utah," said Elder A. Ray Rawson, of the Mormon Church, when he addressed Rotherham Rotarians on "Utah" on Wednesday.

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RED-LETTER NOTES

from the experiences of our British Missionaries

A MISSIONARY'S MOTHER TELLS WHY

FROM Elder Grant Dalton comes this heart-warming incident:

"A few weeks back we contacted a gentleman who showed considerable interest in our message. One of the questions he put to us was this, 'How much does your organisation pay you for doing this work?' When we informed him that we received no pay from the Church he wanted to know how we met our expenses here. I told him that in my case my mother was working to keep me

out here, to which he remarked, 'If I ever reach the United States, I'd like to call on your mother and find out just why a woman should work to support a man.' I held my temper and said that I would save him the trip by having Mother write a letter to him through me explaining why she is doing what she is to keep me in the field two years."

And from that letter we print the following excerpts:

"Dear Sir,

"In a recent letter from my son it seems that you are in doubt that any woman would give her time, money and strength to keep a strong, healthy young man in the service of an unpopular church.

"I am very glad that you are interested enough to request an explanation from me. Throughout the Church . . . there are no paid ministers . . . What we give or do, both in time and money, is given freely and gladly.

"Loving our Heavenly Father, and willing to keep His commands, is it any wonder that we are more than willing to assist Him in the vast work of calling His children to repentance? Can you sincerely doubt that a mother, desiring to repay Him for His watchful care, would gladly give her time, money and strength to assist her son in carrying out the commandments of God?"

"Yes, I am working, working gladly, with a song of praise to my Heavenly Father for the wonderful blessing He has given me of having a son worthy and capable of teaching the truths of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the lands of England and Ireland.

"My son has been gone one year, the happiest and most prosperous year of our lives. His mission has strengthened his testimony of the Gospel, cemented the love of his brothers and sisters toward him, opened the doors of employment for me, and enabled me to send him the means necessary to pay his expenses two years in your land.

"Open your eyes and your ears. Let your heart be filled with the wondrous truths . . . that the peace that comes only through the knowledge of truth may fill your heart and soul.

"May God bless you and quicken your understanding and help you to know of a surety that the things His Elders teach you are true.

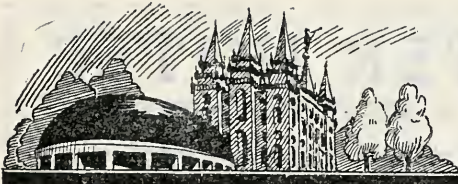
"Sincerely,

"Elder Grant Dalton's Mother."

The gentleman has begun to investigate further.



MISSIONARIES: Send in your interesting experiences for recording on this page.



Editor

“AND THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT”

WHAT is it that marks the Church of Christ as different from all other organisations upon the earth? There might be many answers to that query, but there is none more far-reaching than that found in the Saviour's words, “If you are not one, you are not mine!” His Church is to be one in which the members are bound together with strong cords of brotherly love.

Whatever principles of truth a man or an organisation may possess, the brass and the cymbals will always be heard where charity is lacking. If a Church cannot offer brotherhood to the world, it cannot solve the world's problems, and it is not the Church of Christ. That mark of fellowship and unity, only maintained through long-suffering love, must be found where Christ's disciples meet, else they are not His disciples. Apostasy has set in where love is not.

The Church brings together a multitude of individuals who may have little else than the Gospel in common. For smooth functioning of the group, harmony must exist, and the degree to which it does exist within the Church is a testimony to the efficacy of the Gospel in bringing about co-operation and unity. That has been the great beauty of the Christian society wherever it has been found in its true form. The genius of the Gospel is its ability to weld together persons of diverse temperament, personality, background, and experience.

Because the author of this great system has given each individual the right to choose for himself how he will fit into it, there are some who accept the plan in principle but lack the moral fortitude, selflessness, or determination to put it into practice. Indeed, all of us fall short of perfection in relations with one another. Too often, however, we are prone to use the failings of our brothers as a justification for our own misconduct. God gives us our free agency, but He commands each one of us, individually, regardless of what others may do, to love our fellow men.

Holding a grudge for some real or imagined slight is foreign to the soul-enriching spirit of love. To cherish malice and ill will toward anyone is to breed a sore that will ultimately destroy the soul. Is there any advantage in not forgiving the offender? Is there anything more to be gained from not loving him than the perpetuation of false pride? A grudge isn't a possession, so valuable that you should lease your soul to the devil to keep it, and a grudge can be maintained on no other conditions.

When we come to the day of judgment, a loving Heavenly Father



will assign each of us to the kingdom in which we are prepared to live. God cannot place us in a world governed by laws we are unable to abide. Doctrine and Covenants 88: 22-24 reads:

“For he who is not able to abide the law of a celestial kingdom cannot abide a celestial glory.

“And he who cannot abide the law of a terrestrial kingdom cannot abide a terrestrial glory.

“And he who cannot abide the law of a telestial kingdom cannot abide a telestial glory; therefore he is not meet for a kingdom of glory. Therefore he must abide a kingdom which is not a kingdom of glory.”

Will the law of God's celestial kingdom be less than the law of love which Christ taught to the world? No! Can the Lord place us in the celestial kingdom if we cannot abide the law of love? No, “For he who is not able to abide the law of a celestial kingdom cannot abide a celestial glory.” If we do not exercise love towards our brethren, we cannot expect to be prepared to live with our Father in the eternal worlds.

Often, lack of charity is displayed in thoughtlessness and unconscious selfishness rather than in belligerent, wilful hate. Those who are better off financially than others may unconsciously wound or offend less fortunate ones by drawing attention to expensive dress or by speaking of extravagant pleasures that others cannot afford. Such display may seem entirely harmless, but often it causes pain to the more sensitive and weakens the feeling of unity and brotherhood that might exist between them. There is no other source to which the resultant discord may be traced than lack of charity.

In its broadest sense love for fellow men implies more than just a feeling of good will. It implies also a desire to serve and to do nothing that might give rise to unhappiness in their lives. A true love for God's children will develop understanding to avoid thoughtlessly wronging or trampling on the feelings of another.

If we are guilty of holding tightly to our bosoms some long cherished grudge, if we are conscious of wilfully causing offence to others, let us stop to consider the price we must pay for retaining those attitudes. Is it not too great to pay? Or if, on self-examination, we find the slightest bit of pride, carelessness, or thoughtlessness marring our relations with others, let us recognise it, admit it, and root it out.

God help us to live in unity with our brethren; to hold malice toward none; and to allow no unthinking action of ours to mar the happiness of another.—ROBERT E. RIGGS

World Church News



PRIMARY CELEBRATES 70th ANNIVERSARY — August 11th marked the 70th birthday of the Primary Association. Two members of the first Primary in the Church, Mrs. Eva Clark Wilcox and Oliver L. Wilcox, were present at a special Primary birthday party held in the general offices of the Primary Association.

From one small Primary organized in Farmington, Utah, the Association has grown to 145,000 members in 2,100 organized groups throughout the world.

MORRIS NAMED MISSION PRESIDENT. — General Superintendent George Q. Morris of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association has been appointed to preside over the Eastern States Mission with headquarters in New York. Superintendent Morris will succeed President Roy W. Doxey who has presided over the mission since April, 1944. This appointment will necessitate reorganization of the Y.M.M.I.A. general superintendency.

WHEAT HARVESTED. — Eighteen men with five combine-harvesters took only three and a half hours to harvest 40 acres of wheat raised by the Erda Ward, Grantsville, Utah, Stake. A fine crop of six hundred bushels was reaped. It was figured that 110 man hours were spent in raising this wheat, which was taken to Salt Lake and turned over to the Church Welfare.

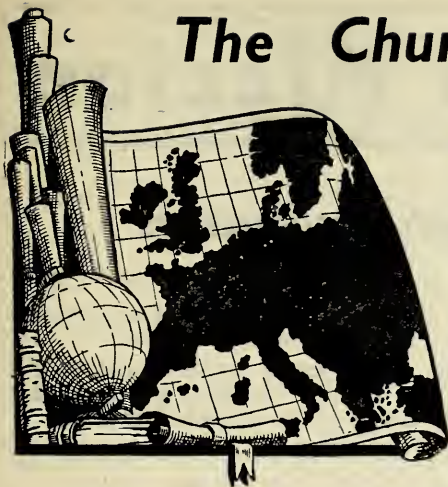
PAGEANT HELD AT HILL CUMORAH.—The sacred pageant "America's Witness for Christ," was presented at the Hill Cumorah, four miles south of Palmyra, with a cast of 125 missionaries from the Eastern States Mission. Great triple stages, with three levels, covered some 25,000 square feet. The stages were complete with elaborate sound and lighting equipment. Adequate seating for 10,000 was provided.

INDIAN CONFERENCE. — Nearly two hundred Indians and sixty others gathered in from a radius of five hundred miles to partake of the spirit of "in conference assembled," on June 26th and 27th for the Navajo-Hopi Mission conference. Prior to the conference a stream had been dammed to provide a suitable place for the baptism of eleven candidates, who received the ordinance at the Sunday afternoon session.

CALIFORNIA OPENS A STOREHOUSE.—Operation of a new regional Welfare storehouse for Southern California has begun this past month with shipments of supplies arriving from various welfare projects in the area. Providing more than 43,000 square feet of storage space, the newly constructed storehouse is located at San Fernando Stake tabernacle in Burbank. It was estimated that the storage space will hold approximately 25,000 cases of goods, or by decking, more than half a million cans.

LOGAN TEMPLE HAS TOURIST SERVICE. — As a gesture of kindness to the summer tourists, and with the idea of spreading the Gospel, a specific guide and missionary service has been instituted on Temple Hill in Logan, to show visitors through the temple grounds.

The Church in Europe



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SECRETARY BUSY IN EUROPE.—Elder Archibald F. Bennett, secretary of the Genealogical Society of the Church, has been in Europe since early in June to inspect various micro-filming and research projects. He travelled with President and Sister Alma Sonne for five weeks, visiting Berlin, Hamburg, Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Copenhagen with them. While in Stockholm, President Sonne, Elder Bennett, President Blomquist of the Swedish Mission and President Matis of the Finnish Mission negotiated the signing of the contract for the micro-filming to be done in Sweden and Finland. In Helsinki and Oslo Elder Bennett visited national archives. Since leaving President Sonne, he has been in Holland, Switzerland, and Italy. Elder James L. Black, film editor of the Genealogical Society, is also in Europe checking the filming of the various micro-film projects in operation.

NORWEGIAN MISSION PRESIDENCY NAMED.—Selected as counsellors to President A. Richard Peterson of the Norwegian Mission are Elder Sverre A. Kristiansen and Elder O. Boyd Mathias. These two brethren were set apart by President Alma Sonne in Oslo July 25th. Elder Kristiansen, the first counsellor, is from Trondheim, Norway, and has been branch president there for many years.

Elder Mathias, second counsellor, is a missionary from Ogden, Utah. At the time of his appointment, he was mission secretary. The appointments were approved by the First Presidency. Elders Kristiansen and Mathias spoke to the Oslo Saints July 25th during President Sonne's visit to the branch.

FRENCH MISSION MOVES HEAD-QUARTERS.—Moving across Lake Geneva to a new home, the address of French Mission headquarters now is: "Villa le Rivage, Corsier Port, Geneva, Switzerland." President Barker reports it was hard to leave "Chalet Trafford," but the new headquarters is commodious and comfortable.

MISSIONARY WORK PROSPERING IN NETHERLANDS.—Missionary work in Flemish Belgium has been underway but a few months, yet there is already a thriving branch in Antwerp and excellent prospects in Gent and other places. The Rotterdam choir attended a recent Antwerp meeting and over 200 came out to hear them. President Cornelius Zappey writes, "It won't be long until the hall which we have rented for two years will be too small . . . We have organized a Relief Society, a Primary, and, of course, a Sunday School." When President Alma Sonne visited the missionaries in Antwerp on his way back to England in August, he found them preparing to hold primary and receiving the children who had come for their class. President Zappey reports that baptisms and payment of tithing have increased throughout his mission, despite many emigrations. This is a condition common throughout Europe.

GROWTH IN CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION.—Elders in Czechoslovakia have begun work in Brandys and Prostějov. President Wallace F. Toronto writes, "Prospects look good in these new fields."

British Mission



ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Elder **DOUGLAS CALVIN DUNCAN**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Nottingham District

Elder **DORAL LESLIE THACKER**,

of Vernal, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Nottingham District.

Elder **REED DALTON SHUPE, Jr.**, of Phoenix, Arizona, was assigned to labour in the London District.



RELEASES

Elder **CARL H. WHATCOTT** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 8th. Elder Whatcott served in the Scottish, Newcastle, and Irish Districts, serving as District President in the last.

Elder **KENNETH M. OSWALD** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 8th. Elder Oswald served in the Newcastle District where, for several months, he was Supervising Elder.

Elder **WILLIAM HARPER STONEMAN** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 8th. Elder Stoneman served in the London and Scottish Districts. He was Supervising Elder in London and served as District President of the Scottish District.

Elder **RAY EYRE TURNER** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 8th. Elder Turner served in the Welsh District as District

President and in the Scottish District.

Sister **ESTHER FULLER** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 8th. Sister Fuller served in the Norwich District, London Office, Birmingham District and the Nottingham District.

Sister **AGNES P. BEECHER** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 8th. Sister Beecher served in the Nottingham District, Birmingham District, and in the London Office.

Elder **EDWARD R. SHURTLIFF** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 8th. Elder Shurtliff served in the Leeds, Welsh, and Liverpool Districts and as Traveling Lecturer.

Elder **CLYDE E. DAVIDSON** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on August 13th. Elder Davidson served in the Nottingham District.



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder **BURCHELL E. HOPKIN** was appointed Supervising Elder of the Newcastle District on August 6th.

Elder **NEWELL E. WARR** was appointed District President of the Sheffield District on August 15th.

Elder **CLARENCE KNOWLES** was appointed District President of the Nottingham District on August 20th.

Elder **EDGAR GARDNER** was transferred from the Irish District to the Isle of Man on August 10th.

Elder **JOSEPH H. CROWTHER** was transferred from the Leeds District to the Nottingham District on August 17th.

Sister **BETH SWAINSTON** was transferred from the London Office to the Birmingham District on August 17th.

Sister **DONETH JUNE CARLISLE** was transferred from the Birmingham District to the London Office on August 17th.

Elder **LORRY E. RYTTING** was transferred to the Newcastle District on August 19th after serving as Traveling Lecturer.

Elder **DOUGLAS W. LOOSLE** was transferred to the Newcastle District on August 19th after serving as Traveling Lecturer.

Elder **JERROL BOYER** was transferred from the Nottingham District to the London District on August 20th.

Elder **PAUL JENSEN** was transferred from the Nottingham District to the Manchester District on August 20th.

Elder **LON RIGBY** was transferred from the Hull District to the Liverpool District on August 7th.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by **James W. Stewart**

"There is always room for progress." Such is the motto uppermost in the mind of the Bristol District President **James L. Mortensen** whose latest move is the completion of arrangements for opening a fifth branch in the district, at Cirencester, with the transfer there of Elders **Lloyd Cullimore** and **James William Stewart**.

On July 25th a fine branch conference, attended by sixty members and investigators, was held at the Bristol Branch. A lovely spirit prevailed.

Cheltenham Saints held their enjoyable conference on July 18th, taking as a theme, "The Gospel through the Ages." On July 11th Stroud held a branch conference attended by twenty members and friends.

Members of the Stroud and Cheltenham branches met on July 24th to hold a social evening in the Co-operative hall. Pioneer games, costumes, square dances, and community singing were enjoyed by all. Again on August 2nd these two branches met at Cranham for a picnic and softball game.

Two new members of the Church in

the Bristol District, **David** and **Doris Francis**, were baptised on July 28th by Elder **Gerald W. Wilkinson** and confirmed by President **James L. Mortensen**.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by **Melvin A. White**

Two new members were added to the Birmingham District, **Iris Jean Bradley** and **Florence Isabel Blackman**. Both were baptised by President **Lamar T. Empey**, and confirmations were done by Elder **Richard W. Hendricks** and Elder **Michael J. Bennett**.

The Birmingham Branch held branch conference on July 25th in the Birmingham chapel. The afternoon session, directed by the Sunday School, took as a theme the Pioneer trek across the American continent. Elder **George Q. Bennett** and **Mary Thomas** were the main speakers, with the Kingstanding Sunday School providing two musical items and two stories.

For the evening meeting **W. Yates**, Elder **George Q. Bennett**, and President **Lamar T. Empey** were principal speakers. Musical numbers were rendered by **Doris Green** and the Elders' Quartette.

On August 1st the Kidderminster Branch completely reorganised its Sunday School Superintendency. The officers sustained were as follows: Superintendent, Ruth Williams; first assistant, Dulire Collins; second assistant, Dorothy Spilbury; secretary, Derek Draper.

Scouts of the Nuneaton Branch went camping for three days during the August holidays, under the leadership of Elder White and Elder Whittaker. Because of the wet weather the scouts went swimming much oftener than anticipated.

Open-air meetings are now being held in the market square in Nuneaton by Elder Eames and Elder White, the first time such meetings have been held there for many years. In Northampton Elders Salo and Labrum report fair success with their open-air meetings.

Northampton softball team, the Stelebox, trounced the Birmingham team 13—8 before five hundred spectators. In a game with Nuneaton Co-op club the Stelebox team won 27 runs to 10.

HULL DISTRICT

Reported by K. G. McKay

Beryl Hollingsworth and Eileen Dinah of Hull Branch were presented with Primary Graduation Certificates on August 1st by Branch President Arthur Ransom and formally accepted into the M.I.A. by M.I.A. President John C. Kennington.

Three socials were held within the Hull Branch on July 27th, August 2nd, and August 10th. The first was a farewell party in honour of Helen Bryant who emigrated August 4th. The second was a Bank Holiday outing to East Park, and the third a "weenie roast" at Hessele Chalk Pit sponsored by the M.I.A. Community singing around a campfire climaxed the last.

A rousing game of baseball, well punctuated by laughs, was enjoyed by all at a district social July 24th at Hessele, Yorks.

Grimsby Branch Sunday School has

just been organised with Mavis Oxley as superintendent, and Jeffery Hall and Sister A. Hammond as counsellors. Time of meeting for the Sunday School has been changed from 2.30 p.m. to 10.30 a.m.

"Hubbards Hills" was the scene of the annual Grimsby Sunday School outing, enjoyed by over fifty. Games, races, and a wade in the creek were the chief activities.

The Y.W.M.I.A. of Grimsby has been reorganised with Mary Kingswood as president and Margie Smith as first counsellor.

Once a week a supper is held at the homes of various members, for which a small fee is charged, the money to be used to support branch projects.

IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by Andre C. Anastasiou

On July 15th a bus was hired to take thirty-five members of the Belfast Branch on a mystery tour which delighted everyone by ending up at Lough Neagh, a beautiful lake some twenty-five miles from Belfast. Boats were hired, and the semi-skilled or unskilled exhibited their ability with the oars. Everyone enjoyed himself in spite of sunburns, freckles, and blisters acquired.

Success in the amount of thirteen pounds and a good time crowned the efforts of the Belfast Branch Relief Society's fund-raising bazaar. Two stalls, one featuring hand sewn articles and used clothing, the other offering food, were opened for business one Saturday in July. The whole store of food was sold out to the last Oxo cube, and the clothing store did very well too. Many an old apron and work suit that considered its days numbered found itself pressed back into service. Ice cream, jellies, cold drinks, and other delicacies were also on sale.

LEEDS DISTRICT

Reported by Ralph Jack

July 24th, Pioneer Day to all Latter-day Saints, was celebrated in Leeds District with an afternoon ramble over part of Wainstall Moor into the lovely

valley of Luddenden Dean. Due to the longer legs of some of the Elders, the ramble was almost a pioneer march for many of the Saints. Over 100 persons participated in the events of the day, which were concluded with an evening of group games and folk dances in the Halifax Branch meeting room. A highlight of the evening was a campfire songfest by the Dewsbury M.I.A.

After ten months of meeting in a small, poorly-lighted room for Sunday School and Sacrament meeting, Halifax Branch members have established themselves in a permanent location at 25 Union Street, Halifax. In marked contrast with their former room the branch now has a room large enough to seat over one hundred persons; it is well lighted and is pleasingly decorated. Appropriately enough, branch members and investigators first met at the new property for the branch conference July 25th.

Trailbuilders of Bradford Branch held a gala day at Bouldon Green recently, a Bradford beauty spot. Fathers present were challenged by their sons in cricket, handball, and archery, and were soundly beaten in all contests. About 25 parents and friends were present, and the outing was under the direction of Herbert Walker, Trailbuilder leader.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Reported by Stephen B. Nebeker

Elders Rytting and Loosle introduced their film into the Liverpool District on August 3rd. They have given lectures at Burnley and Preston and will show it throughout the district during the next week. The showings have been well attended and have given the people a better understanding of

"Mormonism."

A Missionary choir led by Elder Shirl Cornwall, with Sister Anny W. Hartman as soloist, has

accompanied the film at various showings.



At a service held in Liverpool on July 12th Ida Hicklin and Florence Jane Smith were baptised by Elder C. Norman Gardner and were confirmed by Wm. H. N. Challis and Leland W. Rawson, respectively.

Elder J. Samuel Newman was released from the Blackburn Branch Presidency, and Elder Herbert Shorrock was installed. Elders Howard C. Macfarlane and Stephen B. Nebeker will assist President Shorrock as first and second counsellors.

Accrington missionaries, with the help of the branch president, have introduced a new method of advertising. Large posters, placed in prominent places, are being used to acquaint the people with the Church and the presence of the missionaries.

LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Jean Silsbury

The Saints of the London District wish "all the best" to Elder Richard Clayton, soon to leave for home, for his hard work as District President. Elder William R. Waite replaces Elder Clayton

South London M.I.A. numbering fifty strong "invaded" Chatham Hall July 6th to witness an advertised lecture entitled, "Christianity defends itself against Mormonism." When free discussion was invited, the Saints and missionaries lost no time in correcting wrong impressions created by the lecturer. Among many other blatant errors the lecturer, an Anglican minister, stated that the Salt Lake Valley was "beautiful and green" upon the arrival of the Mormons. When asked where he obtained this information, he replied, "From looking at the Atlas." At the close of the discussion Elders L. R. Mecham and R. E. Riggs bore their testimonies.

On July 20th Luton Branch held an excellent variety programme contributed to by each of the auxiliaries.

Another baptismal service held at South London Branch on August 1st saw Geoffrey Cross baptised by Presi-

dent Wallace R. Reid and confirmed by President Selvoy J. Boyer. Norman R. Riley, also baptised by President Reid, was confirmed by Elder James L. Mortensen.

Herbert S. Millard and family were honoured at a farewell social in the South London Branch August 3rd. Solos were sung by Marie Hill, Gwenddine Silsbury, and Norman Riley. A reading was given by W. H. Bickerstaff, a missionary quartette sang, and the party ended with all present encircling the Millards to sing "Auld Lang Syne." The Millards departed for America the following day.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by Norman T. Woodhead

During the past month Elders L. E. Rytting and D. W. Loosle toured the district presenting the technicolour films of Utah. Notable among the many well-received showings were performances for several schools in Oldham and the University of Manchester. In Rochdale, where 120 people attended a public meeting sponsored by the baseball team, the people wondered why such a good evening's entertainment should be free.

A very interesting hour was spent by the Hyde and Denton Relief Societies visiting the Home for the Aged in Hyde.

Over one hundred people enjoyed a well organised social and dance at Rochdale, August 7th. A floor show included Britton Beverly, Art Nutt, and the Andrews Sisters—Elders Lambert, Shaw, and Derek Hogan.

Farewells and all the district's good wishes go with Sheila Dunkerly and Jean Daniels who sailed from Liverpool July 16th to attend Brigham Young University for four years.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Joyce Tiffen

Sunday School children presented the programme for the afternoon session of South Shields Branch Conference held June 27th. Elder Harold Dougal conducted. Speakers at the evening session, conducted by Branch

President Dean U. Ottley, were Elder Kenneth M. Oswald, Derick Harland, and District President Frederick W. Oates. Solos were rendered by Myrtle Robertson and Elder Dougal.

On July 4th Sidney Featherstone was released as branch president of Middlesbrough Branch. Elder Derick Harland was sustained in his stead with Elders J. Thomson and T. Weatherhead as counsellors.

A baptismal service conducted by President Oates was held in the Sunderland chapel July 31st. Ethel Rose Watson was baptised by Elder Kenneth M. Oswald and confirmed by Elder Thomas E. Dalling.

Elder Kenneth M. Oswald was honoured at a farewell social held July 28th at Sunderland. George Sonntag, on behalf of the Saints, presented him with an Irish linen tablecloth and serviettes. Elder Oswald has served the whole of his mission in the Newcastle District, being for six months Supervising Elder. He sailed for America August 7th.

Dual outings, one by the Sunderland and South Shields Branches, and another by Carlisle and Gateshead, have been featured on the district social programme during the past few weeks.

NORWICH DISTRICT

Reported by Wesley R. Williams

A baptismal service was held at the Norwich chapel on August 1st. Myra Wicks and Roy Woodhouse were baptised by Leslie Cook and confirmed by Elder William J. Blackwell and Thomas Watts, respectively. Bert Aldred and Florence Aldred were baptised by Elder George Palmer and confirmed by Elder Thomas D. Harper and Elder Palmer.

Funds for the Sunday School were raised at a most enjoyable social held in the Norwich Branch August 7th.

In Lowestoft on the bright, sunny day of July 29th the Sunday School and Home Primary children left the Lowestoft railway station enroute for Beccles to enjoy Mother Nature at her best. At 7 p.m. the train started back

from Beccles station with seventy tired but happy children. July 29th will long be remembered by those who witnessed the gala affair.

Primary children presented the August 1st Sunday evening programme to the Lowestoft Branch using the American Indians for their theme.

On August 1st Elder Jack L. Cornia was installed as branch president of the Yarmouth Branch. Elder Melvin Aldous was transferred from Cambridge to be with Elder Boyd Harris in Norwich.

Missionaries, friends, and members of the Norwich Relief Society had a wonderful time on an excursion to the London Zoo July 22nd.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by June Wilson

Mansfield Branch proudly bore off the cup for the Nottingham District M.I.A. Musical Festival and Sports Day held at Hucknall July 17th, with President S. George Bradley in charge of arrangements. Eastwood and Derby came second and third, both nosing out Leicester, cup-holder since 1945.

In celebration for winning the cup Mansfield Relief Society gave a party July 19th which was attended by 25. On August 4th the Beehive girls were given a party for their part in winning the cup.

On July 18th a successful branch conference was held at Leicester, and the following Saturday forty people spent an enjoyable time at the Sunday School outing to Bradgate Park.

Mansfield's evening programme for August 1st was taken over by the Primary children who gave examples of what they had learned about the Indians. Primary Mother Edith Brown was in charge.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Reported by Vernon Young

The Scottish District announces the arrival of its newest convert in the person of Stephen Young, son, born to Elder and Mrs. Vernon Young in Salt

Lake City on July 26th. Mrs. Young extends her sincere thanks to the Scottish Elders for their token of remembrance.

The Latter-day Saint Basketball team in Glasgow has been playing under the scrutinizing eyes of the City Council of Physical Recreation cameras. They are to appear in the training film "The Fundamental Principles of Basketball." This film is to be shown in many schools and clubs throughout Great Britain.

On May 6th, 1948, Jean Kelly was baptised by President W. Harper Stone-man and confirmed by Elder Paul C. Fletcher in the Woodside Baths, Glasgow.

The Saints in the granite city of Aberdeen are preparing to set the pace for the other Scottish branches of the Church since the selection of officers in a recently held branch conference. The goals set by the new officers are lofty and all inclusive. Watch out, Scotland!

Leaving on a bus run early Saturday morning, July 24th, the Airdrie Branch spent an enjoyable day visiting the "Robert Burns' Country" in Ayrshire. The trip, under the direction of Walter Clark, was part of the summer programme of the M.I.A.

Elder John L. Smith and Annie Smith extend their good wishes to all with whom they have laboured throughout the British Mission.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Reported by Arvilla Smith

Sheffield Branch conference took place August 8th in the Latter-day Saint chapel. Sunday School session was conducted by Superintendent John Beattie. Speeches and musical items were given by the children and officers. President John Snow conducted the evening session presided over by David W. Egbert. All musical items for the conference were conducted by Olive Snow.

Barnsley and Doncaster Branches each gave a farewell party in honour

of Elder David W. Egbert, Sheffield District President for many months, who is leaving soon for the United States.

On August 7th the Doncaster Priesthood entertained thirty members and friends with an amateur talent show requiring everyone to take part. Refreshments were served by the Relief Society.

Three motor coaches carried a large number of happy children, adults, and missionaries to Bridling-



ton August 2nd for a Sheffield District Sunday School outing. Games, races, sea-bathing, and a sing song, which attracted large crowds on the promenade, were enjoyed.

Proceeds from a Sheffield Branch social held August 7th went to the Welfare fund.

WELSH DISTRICT Reported by Gladys Mason

The Welsh District celebrated the 24th of July three days early with an outing to Barry Island July 21st. The weather was not agreeable, but conditions did permit a softball game.

Cardiff Branch is now meeting in Llandaff Field Recreation Hall. Previously the branch met in a home. Street meetings in the district are increasing and arousing a great amount of favourable comment and interest. With the addition of two new Elders to the Welsh District, two missionaries are now labouring in the city of Newport.

On August Monday (national day of rest) district elders and Saints laboured diligently to scrape the old paint from the Merthyr Tydfil chapel in preparation for its new coat in the near future.

During the past month the Merthyr and Pontypool Branches held their respective branch conferences. Both were well attended and showed a progressive spirit. New assistants to the district president were sustained as follows: W. E. Pulman as assistant in Sunday School; Thomas Price as assistant in Genealogical work; Sister Ivy as assistant in the Relief Society. Due to a recent change Elder W. T. Davis is now branch president of Pontypool Branch and Elder Robert D. Parry the president of the Merthyr Tydfil Branch.

Pontypool Branch happily welcomes four new members—Lilian Morgan, her two sons, Trevor and Leslie, and her daughter, Carole. All were baptised by Elder George Q. Bennett in the Birmingham font July 24th.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

BIRMINGHAM

Outstanding feature of a successful district conference at Birmingham was the performance of the Sunday School children in the 11.0 o'clock morning session. The children from Sparkbrook Sunday School travelled across town to reach the site of the conference and put on a well-rehearsed programme.

Attendance at meetings rose progressively during the day—140 in the morning, 150 in the afternoon, and 175 at the closing session.

NORWICH

The children stole the show again at the district conference in Norwich. Many of the participants had to make a two and a half hour journey from their homes in Lowestoft to the Norwich chapel. David Martin, Marion Coleby, Pamela Wilson, Margaret Tustain, Eric King, John Ashley, and Mary Adams each gave talks on the programme for the morning session.

Further sessions, at which the Mission Presidency spoke, were inspirational to all.

GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES

BRISTOL, GLASGOW

Genealogical conferences were held at Bristol and in Glasgow on July 25th and July 31st, respectively.

Instructions, on practical research, methods, and organisation were given by James R. Cuninghame and David E. Gardner.

Elder James M. Black, Micro-film Editor of the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, demonstrated films on the micro-film reading machine and also showed the appreciative audiences pictures of the Temples, accompanied by appropriate commentary.

PERSONALS

BIRTHS

LESLIE. — Margaret Kerr Leslie, daughter, born May 5th to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Leslie of Glasgow Branch, was blessed by her father on June 13th.

MEAD. — Margaret Mead, daughter, born June 6th to Mr. and Mrs. William Mead of the South London Branch, was blessed August 1st by her father.

HALLET. — Christine Mary Hallet, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hallet, was blessed in the South London Branch August 1st by Elder David W. Meyer.

COLLINS. — Murray Francis Whitlock Collins, infant son of President and Mrs. Dennis F. Collins, was blessed by his father on June 6th at Bristol.

DEATHS

MIDDLETON. — Nellie Middleton of the Cheltenham Branch passed to her rest July 23rd after a long and trying illness. Prayers and sympathy of the branch go out to loved ones of the deceased.

FARLOW. — Samuel Farlow, aged 82, died at his home after being seriously ill for over a year. Burial services were held in the Latter-day Saint chapel in Kidderminster, under the direction of President Dennis F. Collins.

EMIGRATIONS

FEATHERSTONE. — Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Featherstone and daughter, of the Middlesbrough Branch, emigrated for America on July 13th.

WALKER. — Rosalie Walker of Sunderland Branch sailed for America July 21st. At a social held in her honour on July 15th friends and Saints gathered to wish her God-speed on her journey.

JEFFREYS. — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jeffreys and their three children departed for Salt Lake City on July 15th.

MILLARD. — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Millard and family, formerly of the South London Branch, left August 4th bound for Salt Lake City.

FERRIS. — Dorothy Ferris, formerly of the Belfast Branch, sailed for America July 31st aboard the ss. "Washington."

WALKER. — Mr. and Mrs. George Walker sailed for America aboard the ss. "Washington" July 31st. They were of the Belfast Branch.

BRYANT. — Helen Bryant, formerly of the Hull Branch, sailed from Southampton August 5th for New York where she will spend three weeks before going on to Salt Lake City to make her home.

MARRIAGE

BAILEY - SYKES. — Miss Audrey Beatrice Bailey of the Sheffield Branch was married July 31st in the Latter-day Saint chapel to Mr. Reuben Sykes. George Hampstead officiated. Seventy guests attended the reception held in the Ellesmere Road school room.



CHRISTMAS STORY & POEM CONTEST

TO all readers of the *Millennial Star* comes the invitation to participate in a Christmas Story and Poem Contest. The best of the entries in each section of the contest will be published in the December issue of the *Star* along with the names of second-place winners. A two-year subscription to the *Millennial Star* will be awarded to the writers of the best story and poem, while the runners-up will receive a one-year subscription.

The entries may be based upon any phase of Christmas. Stories should be not longer than 1,750 words, and poems may be not longer than twenty-four lines. There is no minimum length for either. Here is your chance to prove your literary talent with a subject illimitable in its possibilities.

Put your name on a separate sheet, rather than on the manuscript of the story or poem, and address the envelope to "Contest Editor, *Millennial Star*, 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12." It should be postmarked on or before November 1st, 1948.

That's the information you need—you have the talent—so go to it and write that prize winning piece!

BASEBALL IN ENGLAND

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in the area, John Bussacca and Dick Kronsberger. Art Nutt, a Canadian ex-serviceman, has rendered valuable assistance to the Rochdale boys as a coach.

Wins and losses have been about equally divided with the Manchester teams, but being good losers has had in some cases a greater effect for good with the spectators and opposing teams than winning all the games might have done. Rochdale's star pitcher, Elder Frank P. Reese, however, is recognised as the best pitcher in the league and holds the record for strike-outs.

As in basketball, homes have been opened and speaking opportunities offered to the missionaries as a result of the play. A short time ago three young men asked to become members of the Rochdale M.I.A. When asked how they learned of the M.I.A. they said they had read the invitation on the programmes printed for each game of the Rochdale team. One Sunday morning an old gentleman, who had met the missionaries through baseball, brought his two young grandsons to Sunday School, stating that he wanted them to grow into fine young men like

the Elders and was placing them in the charge of the Rochdale Branch Sunday School.

Nottingham Elders started from scratch in launching their baseball programme. They took six young men who knew nothing at all about baseball and within two months formed a league of five teams. Elder Melvin R. Ballard, business manager of the league, has furnished the spark of enthusiasm and organising ability needed to get things moving.

Likely league winners are the "Seagulls," a team composed of Latter-day Saint Elders, undefeated to date. Over 500 spectators watched the first game at Wollaton Park where the "Seagulls" emerged on the winning end of a 16-6 count. Other games have been won by scores of 17-6 and 20-13. Crowds are increasing, and it is estimated that by the middle of next year baseball will be attracting more than a thousand sports fans each Saturday to the Victoria Embankment, present league ball field.

Baseball is on its way up in Britain, and the Mormon missionaries are taking advantage of the opportunities it offers.

WAS THE MINISTRY OF JESUS LIMITED TO PALESTINE ?

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of King Limhi and followers of the first Alma joined the citizens at Zarahemla, the Nephites combined with another colony known as Mulekites were not half so numerous as the Lamanites. About 385 A.D. all but a few Nephites were killed in warfare, but Lamanites continued to thrive. Moreover, their living descendants are numerous today in North and South America and on the Pacific isles.

Heretofore, many Latter-day Saints have thought of American natives as the tribe of Manasseh, because of the genealogy of Lehi. But in the light of these observations they seem to be Ephraimites and represent fulfilment of prophecy. Latter-day Saints have developed also a habit of thinking of Nephites as the good people and Lamanites as the bad people in the Book of Mormon. Consequently, they find it hard to think of Lamanites, rather than Nephites, fulfilling in the greatest measure these Biblical prophecies.

Actually, this distinction was true only in the earliest centuries of their history. Before the time of Christ a large section of Lamanites accepted the Messiah-tradition and even emigrated to the Nephite nation. It is especially interesting that the first of these converts was a king of Ishmael, the city settled by Ishmael's family. The king's father, who ruled the entire Lamanite empire, also embraced the doctrine and attempted to Christianize all Lamanites by issuing a proclamation instructing his subjects to permit certain Nephite missionaries to preach to them without interference. On the other hand, several large sections of Nephites, such as Zoramites, Amlicites, and others, revolted against Nephite ideals, severing themselves religiously, politically, and sometimes geographically. The American fore-runner of Jesus, in some respects equivalent to John the Baptist, was not a Nephite, but rather Samuel the Lamanite. About the time when the boy Jesus talked with learned men in

the temple, across the seas Nephites and Lamanites entered an alliance, combining their righteous forces to stand against a mighty society called "Gadianton robbers." The Americans to whom Jesus actually spoke were probably both Nephites and Lamanites, for the Christians who had all things common, embracing Christianity for two hundred years following the personal ministry of the Saviour, made no distinction whatever between them. Later Mormon, himself, considered Nephites more wicked than Lamanites and thought it was because of their great wickedness that God permitted the Lamanites to destroy them. It is well known that the Gospel has been embraced widely by modern American Indians and south sea islanders. Certainly, they may claim to fulfil the heritage of Joseph. Indeed, the original Nephi, son of Lehi, descendant of Manasseh, was promised blessings for his seed who would be mixed with the seed of the Lamanites.

Finally, here is further evidence of the truth of the Book of Mormon, not only because it is consistent with prophecy, but because there is no attempt to perpetrate a convincing fraud. The book contains so many references to the heritage of Joseph, which was really the heritage of Ephraim, that the author, however dishonest, must have been thoroughly familiar with these promises which are in the Bible. If Joseph Smith originated the Mormon story, his research in the field of Israelitish heritage must have been extensive. Undoubtedly, he would have known these great promises were for Ephraim, not Manasseh. He would have represented Lehi as a descendant of Ephraim and probably would not have brought Manasseh's heirs into the plot at all. Obviously, the translator reproduced what was actually written on the plates, however puzzling some of it may have been.

By performing faithfully the task assigned to him, Joseph Smith fulfilled Ezekiel's prophecy by giving the modern world a second witness of the divinity of the Good Shepherd.

FINLAND, NORWAY, AND DENMARK

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and Talmage's "Articles of Faith" has been largely completed by Brother Tonelli Havu and his wife. Brother and Sister Havu, who speak and write several languages, were converted to the Church last year when working on translations.

NORWEGIAN VISIT

We celebrated Pioneer Day, July 24th, in Oslo, Norway. It has long been a custom of the Oslo Branch, one of the largest in Europe, to honour the old folks of the branch on Pioneer Day. The writer had not previously attended an old folks' party. He found, however, that members of all ages were present, including a young maestro, about ten years old, who conducted an orchestral ensemble with poise and dispatch.

The Oslo choir, which had appeared by special arrangement in Copenhagen earlier in the year, was a delight to hear. Music forms an important part of worship in Latter-day Saints' services. The Sunday night meeting in Oslo was a spiritual feast.

Another special meeting was held in Drammen, near Oslo, where President Sonne's brother, Ola Sonne, had laboured as a missionary. President Sonne described the spiritual benefits coming into a home which has a son or daughter in the mission field.

In addition to meeting missionaries of the Oslo District, President Sonne instructed thirteen new missionaries who arrived in Norway while we were there. They were full of life and eager to get about their business of proclaiming Christ's Gospel amid the indescribable scenic beauty of the land of the midnight sun.

President A. Richard Peterson of the Norwegian Mission is on his fourth mission, his third as mission president. His response to the missionary call is an example of faith. His steadying influence, together with that of Sister Margaret Peterson, is felt and appre-

ciated throughout the Norwegian Mission.

Missing the departure of some of our friends in the British Mission, we stopped in Gothenburg en route from Oslo to Copenhagen to see some of the Swedish Saints and missionaries off on the "Gripsom." Joy and sadness pounded in our hearts while we stood on the dock with scores of Saints and thousands of others watching the ship slip away from the dock side and head toward the sea. Associations formed in the mission field are precious.

DANISH MISSION

Fertile and green, little Denmark is a land of much appeal. Copenhagen, one of the continent's great cities, has one of Europe's finest branches of the Church. President Sonne told the Copenhagen audience that he had every reason to be proud of his Danish background. He also stated that when people become humble enough to call on God, then peace will come to the earth.

In Aarhus, Denmark, 350 Saints and friends turned out to hear President Sonne. He affirmed it is one thing to accept the Gospel, another to live it; and called on the Latter-day Saints to live up to the light they had received. In Aalborg, near where President Sonne's father was born, the president bore his testimony about the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. Another outstanding meeting was held in Esbjerg. Most of the 135 missionaries in Denmark were met during our stay with President and Sister Alma L. Petersen.

A day at The Hague with President and Sister Cornelius Zappey of the Netherlands Mission before boarding the channel boat in Ostend was a pleasure.

Travelling in Europe for most of the last four months, we are greatly encouraged about the manner in which the missionary work is being conducted and the reception being given the elders. God's servants are busy in Europe testifying that He has spoken from the heavens and that His Kingdom is being established in the earth.

A VICAR MEETS THE MORMONS

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Church, emphasising the immoral nature of its founders and how the nation repeatedly was Catholic, then Protestant, changing religions as each monarch ascended to the throne. This condition continued from Henry VIII until Elizabeth came to power. She favoured Catholicism but was fearful of the power of the Pope and remained protestant, introducing into the English Church, however, many of the elaborate ceremonies and customs of the mother church. Experiences were related of seeking the truth elsewhere and of how confused she became. In time an acquaintance was made with a Mormon soldier. His clean living and his sincere attitude toward his religion made deep impressions upon her. After many months of study she was convinced that the Book of Mormon was true and that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God. Baptism was applied for, and never had she regretted the step taken.

THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS IN BRITAIN

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Some people thought that Mormons had many wives, he continued, and while he had to admit that at one time polygamy was practised by the men of Utah, it had not been done for the last fifty years. It was now against the law to commit polygamy, and men were now sent to goal and excommunicated from the Mormon Church for doing so. There were men serving prison sentences for polygamy who had been sentenced by Mormon judges.

He believed there was enough coal in the State of Utah to supply the whole of the United States for 100 years. There were also good reserves there of ores and precious metals.

A census had proved, he claimed, there were fewer illiterate people in Utah than in any other part of the United States.

It was an impressive story, told in a quiet, dignified manner. The reverend gentleman said to me as he departed, "I am surprised at the number of young people you have. I am surprised at their ability to defend what they believe to be true, and I am surprised at the over-all intelligence of this group tonight. I wish the Church of England could inspire its young people as you seem to have yours.

The Vicar desired to read the Book of Mormon. He has it in his possession to date. Twenty-five pamphlets were distributed during the various meetings. One of the young men present subsequently attended our street meetings.

For the Liverpool Fireside group it was a testimony-building experience. All expressed, in humility, their justifiable pride in their membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Rotarian the Rev. W. Budd thanked the speaker.

Editor's Note: The following item appeared in the "Yorkshire Advertiser" as one man's response to the above mentioned Rotary Club discussion.

MORMONOGANY

Whilst at one time polygamy was practised by the men of Utah, it had not been done for the last fifty years, and it was now against the law to have more than one wife—vide "The Advertiser," June 26th.

I always thought the Mormons had
A multitude of wives,
But now I find that Utah men
Live ordinary lives.

They're just plain ordinary men,
And not of sterner stuff,
Who find one wife can often be
Much more than quite enough."

IN RETROSPECT

(FLASHBACKS OF EVENTS IN CHURCH HISTORY)



115 YEARS AGO. — It was decided in council to establish a printing press at Kirtland and publish a paper to be called the Latter-day Saints' Messenger and Advocate.

100 YEARS AGO. — Addison Pratt arrived in Great Salt Lake City from a five years' mission to the Society Islands, where about twelve hundred persons had been baptised.

55 YEARS AGO.—The Tabernacle choir won the second prize (£250) at the singing contest at the World's Fair, Chicago, Illinois.

50 YEARS AGO.—On September 2nd, President Wilford Woodruff died in San Francisco, California, after an illness of only a few hours. At a special meeting of the Apostles eleven days later in Salt Lake City, Lorenzo Snow was nominated and sustained as President of the Church. President Snow then selected, with the approval of the council, George Q. Cannon as his first and Joseph F. Smith as his second counsellor.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

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is clearly indicated when he said: "Neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord." (I Cor. 11: 11)

Upon this basis and under such contract marriage becomes permanent and lasting and the solemn vows uniting men and women in holy wedlock are

usually respected and held inviolate.

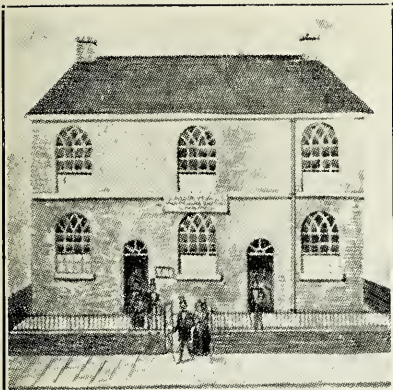
Sexual wickedness is rampant in the world, unchastity is prevalent, while moral laxity, divorces, social drinking and kindred vices are destroying the family circle and undermining the stability of the home. One of the cardinal requirements of the Restored Gospel is the preservation of the family group. Health, happiness and security are reaction to a successful and un-sullied family life.

MORE "LOST" MEMBERS

THE following is a list of members of the Church for whom records are on file but whose records do not bear their present correct address. It is requested that anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of these people notify the Mission Recorder, 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12. If the person is deceased, the date of death and place of burial, if known, should be sent in.

Edith Ellen Bagnall.
John William Baker.
Margaret Freda Baker.
Norah Torr Bailey.
Nellie Florence Ball.
George Henry Riches Jr. Bane.
Clara Elizabeth Bane.
William Edward Bane.
Ruth Alice Bane.

George Henry Bane.
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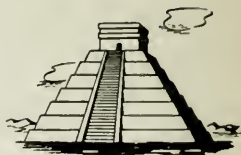
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INFORMATIVE FACTS AND FIGURES

(INTERESTING NOTES CONCERNING PERSONS, PLACES, AND EVENTS RELATING TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS)

★ At Cholula, in southern Mexico, stands the world's largest known pyramid measuring 177 feet high and 1,440 feet square at the base.

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★ Since the organisation of the Church in 1830, it has been without a First Presidency at several periods, amounting to 8½ years. At the death of Joseph Smith, 3½ years elapsed before Brigham Young was sustained as president of the Church. During that time the Twelve Apostles were the presiding quorum. Three years and two months passed by during the interval between the administrations of Brigham Young and John Taylor. Between John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff, the Quorum of the Twelve again presided for a period of twenty-one months. Since the death of Wilford Woodruff the reorganisation of the First Presidency upon the death of the leader has been only a matter of days.

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★ In four days crews of twenty-five men working three shifts daily erected a 25,000 bushel grain elevator for the Jordan Valley Welfare Region of the Church.

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★ During the ten-year period 1840-1849, sixty-four travelling missionaries laboured in the British Isles. Baptisms totalled 34,299, making an average of nearly 536 per missionary.

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★ There are about four returned missionaries in the stakes of the Church for every 100 members.

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★ The words of more than half of the 421 hymns contained in the Latter-day Saint Hymn Book were written by British-born members of the Church, and of more than three-fourths of these hymns the music was written by British-born members of the Church.

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★ Joseph Smith, the youngest prophet to stand at the head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was sustained as First Elder at the age of twenty-four; Lorenzo Snow, oldest of the eight at time of ordination, was eighty-four.

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★ On August 12th, 1850, the first baptisms in Denmark by divine authority in this dispensation took place at Copenhagen, Apostle Erastus Snow baptising fifteen persons. The first man baptised was Ole U. C. Monster and the first woman Anna Beckstrom.

